

# Black History Month

Presented by  
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**WHEREAS,** The City of San Diego continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all residents are respected and recognized for their contributions to our world; and

**WHEREAS,** Black History has been a great part of San Diego and American History, so we recognize Black History Month as a way to preserve the heritage, culture and history of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 12, 1926, Black History Week was initiated to remember historic leaders and events in the African diaspora by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, noted Black scholar and the son of former slaves; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded to Black History Month and is celebrated all over Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 6, 2021, the San Diego City Black Employees Association, will host a Black History in Motion 2021 Unity Event to commemorate Black History's forward progress throughout the City of San Diego; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 11, 2021, the virtual Black History in Motion 2021 celebration will recognize the efforts, contributions and notable achievements of San Diegans in the advancement of equity in the quest for racial and social justice; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements, contributions and sacrifices made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO,** that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim February 2021 to be "**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**" in the City of San Diego.